

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING THE

EXTRA SESSION OF 1853, AND SESSION OF 1854.



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1854.

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 16.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
FIFTY-FOUR.

AN ACT to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Dam and
Sluice Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Theophilus Cushing, Shepard Cary,
2 their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby
3 created a body politic, by the name of the Meduxne-
4 keag Dam and Sluice Company.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have the right to
2 erect and maintain dams and sluices, and other im-
3 provements, any where on the south branch of the
4 Meduxnekeag river, for the purpose of facilitating
5 the driving and transportation of logs and timber

6 down said river to the main branch of the Meduxne-
7 keag river.

SECT. 3. The company shall have power to sue,
2 and be sued, and may establish such by-laws and offi-
3 cers as may be necessary and usual for the regulation
4 and convenience of their business, not inconsistent
5 with the laws of the state.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall have the right to
2 demand and receive as toll for the passage of logs or
3 timber, over or through their dams, sluices or other
4 improvements on said river, the sum of eight cents
5 per thousand feet, board measure, and eight cents
6 per ton for all hewn timber, to be determined by what
7 is usually denominated the wood scale; and if no
8 wood scale shall have been had, then the owner of
9 said lumber shall file with the treasurer of the cor-
10 poration an affidavit of the marks and number of feet
11 of logs, or tons of timber, subject to such toll, within
12 ten days after the greater part of such lumber shall
13 have arrived at the main Meduxnekeag river; and
14 on failure so to do, the said company, by any of its
15 officers, or other proper person appointed for that
16 purpose, may estimate the quantity of such lumber,
17 and the toll shall be payable according to such esti-

18 mate ; and unless the said toll shall be paid within ten
19 days after the lumber aforesaid, or the greater part
20 thereof, shall arrive at the main Meduxnekeag river,
21 the corporation may sell at public auction so much of
22 said lumber as shall be necessary to pay said toll and
23 all costs ; notice of the time and place of sale shall
24 be given ten days prior to the sale, in some public
25 newspaper printed in Bangor, and also by a written
26 notice posted up in the post office in Houlton, at
27 least ten days before the day of sale, or the said toll
28 may be recovered in an action at law of the owners
29 of the said lumber ; the lien on the lumber for the toll
30 shall continue, and it shall be liable to be sold there-
31 for, notwithstanding it may have passed out of the
32 limits of this state.

SECT. 5. All persons, owners of lands, from which
2 lumber may be cut and hauled to said stream, shall
3 have a right to become members of said corporation,
4 under such reasonable by-laws as the corporation
5 shall establish.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 14, 1854. }

This Bill, reported by the committee on Interior Waters, was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*